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1 December 1949

**Major General Philip B. Fleming
Chairman
United States Maritime Commission
Washington, D. C.**

Dear General Fleming:

On 10 August 1949, it was reported that the United Tanker Corporation had recently chartered several U. S. and foreign-flag tankers to transport gasoline and kerosene from Constanza, Rumania, to Shanghai and Dairen. Two of these, the Kettleman Hills and the Beauregard, had already passed into the Mediterranean bound for Dairen.

Additional information has now been received through
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that this vessel is under new charter, the SOVJUSNEFT, export company in Moscow, for one trip, Black Sea to Dairen. The Kettleman Hills is now leaving Bahrein with an estimated time of arrival in Antwerp of 15 December 1949 and is expected to proceed after her call of Antwerp to Constanza or Batum, most probably the latter.

Sincerely,

(Signed)

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Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central
Intelligence**

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